



SATURDAY EVENING, OCT. 22, 1898.

A CAPTAIN in the U. S. Navy who when informed that his ship was sinking, remained aboard of her with the rest of her officers, as there was no way of getting off, and a young lady of Baltimore, who, actuated by the strongest human incentive, self-preservation, and supported by a life preserver, held on to a plank until she was rescued from the sea, are now pointed to by some of the Northern press as shining examples of "heroism." In a less progressive age the quality of heroism involved an exhibition of intrepidity and of danger incurred in behalf of others. But in a transition age all things change.

THE REPUBLICAN party professes to be shocked at the contemplated alleged dishonesty of a test of free silver coinage, but the members of that party in New York support the men who have robbed the State of millions by what is known as the "canal steal," those in Pennsylvania advocate the re-election of Mr. Quay who used the State's money for his own private speculation, and those in Ohio, endorse Mr. Hanna, who raised the money with which popular suffrage was polluted in 1896. It is always wise to be careful in dealing with those who prize of their own high regard for honesty.

AS THIS country is now the best that is willing to shelter all the weaker people of the earth, white or black, under her wings, it is not at all surprising that the negro republic of Liberia, the people of which are in danger of being sold as slaves or eaten, should ask to be annexed, and as it is eight or nine thousand miles nearer than the Philippine Islands, and as many of its people went from this country and are more civilized than the Filipinos, why it shouldn't be, in view of what has recently been, and what is now being, done, cannot readily be told.

NO WONDER the republicans are fearful of losing New York at the coming election, as most of the money of the country is held there, and as under laws passed by the republicans little of it is taxed for the support of the federal government. It is only natural that the poor people, who there as everywhere else comprise a large majority of the voters, should be tired of being taxed on what they have to buy in order to live, to raise money for war, army and navy contractors, and imperialism, while the surplus incomes of their rich neighbors remain exempt from taxation.

MR. PROCTOR has just been re-elected to the U. S. Senate. Vermont didn't send many soldiers to the war, but Mr. Proctor went to Cuba before the war, and, by the tale of woe he told the Senate, did all he could to incite the war. He has his reward. To speak well of the Confederates is now popular in the North, but when Jefferson Davis, who practically created the War Department, died, his successor as Secretary of War, Mr. Proctor, refused to allow the flag over that department to fly at half-mast.

FROM THE stock of goods the Alexandria merchants, wholesale and retail, now have, almost everything that people want, except contentment, can be obtained, and that, too, with as little trouble and expense as anywhere else, and, so far as Alexandrians are concerned, a good deal more satisfactorily. For their own, and their city's sake, let alone that of their merchants, Alexandrians should deal at home, rather than lose half a day in going to another city to buy what they want.

GENERAL MILES says there must be a large army in order to protect the lives and property of Americans in all parts of the world, and to enforce law and preserve order in the country's newly acquired conquered territory. If what he says be true, then it will be absurd for the United States to send delegates to the Czar's proposed Congress to consider a proposition to reduce the size of the world's standing armies, as it will be necessary for them to increase, rather than decrease, the size of theirs.

IN THIS "progressive" age, in no line is "progress" more patent than in that of gall, which has "progressed" so far that a Northern war, annexationist and imperialistic newspaper has now no hesitancy in saying that "war is a scourge, not a trade, and the glory of averting it is greater than any that can be gained in battle." Certainly the extreme degree of gall has been reached, but in an age of progress there is nothing unattainable.

ANOTHER BANK failed in New York yesterday, but the prosperity seems at tempt to explain the failure by saying it was caused by the bank's effort to support a local railroad, as if intelligent directors would do anything of that sort. The true cause of the failure like that of all the other numerous similar failures, was the inability of the

bank to realize its securities, owing to the depreciation in the price thereof.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22. The House of Bishops and House of Deputies of the Episcopal Convention met in joint session this morning and decided to adjourn finally next Tuesday evening. The committee on Christian Education presented a report deploring the lack of religious teaching in the public schools and calling upon the State to make the spiritual education of the young a matter of duty with educators. The same committee presented a resolution urging men of wealth to be more generous in their contributions to the schools and colleges. The House of Bishops elected Rev. J. M. Horner, of North Carolina, missionary bishop of Asheville, N. C.

A republican Congressman, now here, says he predicts that his party will lose twenty-five members of the House east of the Mississippi next month, but that it will gain ten or twelve west of that river, which will leave it with a good working majority.

At republican headquarters here today it is said the number of voters who have applied there for transportation is considerably less than that of two ago. At democratic headquarters it is said that while there is not much interest manifested in the election as there was in 1896, the number of voters who have applied for transportation certificates is not much smaller than it was then.

Chairman Agnew of the Virginia State republican committee who was here this morning says so far as he knows there will be no call for a meeting of that committee to take action with reference to any of the republican candidates for Congress in his State. The committee, he says, has already done all they can do in that matter.

From the Virginia district it is learned from republicans recently here that Mr. Walker, the republican candidate for Congress there, will probably be re-elected.

Virginia people now here say as Gen. Fitzhugh Lee will go to Cuba this winter and may probably stay there a year it is not longer and may be given a place in the regular army, it is not at all certain that he will be a candidate for the U. S. Senate. They also say that that uncertainty may have had something to do with inducing Mr. Walton Moore, one of his personal friends, to say that he would not decline a nomination if tendered him.

Chief James A. Dumont, of his Steamboat Inspection Service, in his annual report just published, says the civil service rules as applied to his service are a dead failure.

Commonwealth's Attorney Johnson of Alexandria county, here to-day, says there is no political excitement in that county now, but that there is already some in respect of the spring election, and that Messrs. Clements and Douglas will both be candidates for his place.

Congressman Bartlett of Georgia, here to-day, says the price of cotton is now 4 cents, and that the man who says cotton can be profitably raised at 5 cents, doesn't know the difference between a corn stalk and a cabbage.

People from New York here to-day say the brewers there have made up a large sum for the democratic campaign in that State, and that the bankers and trusts have seen them and gone better, and that the election will probably be determined by money, though the price of votes will not be as high as it was two years ago. They also say that as ex-Senator Hill and the chief of police in New York city say that legal voters will be justified in knocking down election supervisors who may attempt to interfere with them at the polls, and the supervisor says he will do his duty irrespective of their threat, lively times may be expected there on election day.

The weather reports from yellow fever districts to-day show frosts generally throughout the infected districts. In Alabama, eastern and northern Mississippi, and northern Louisiana the frosts were heavy and killing; in southwestern Mississippi and southern Louisiana light frost was reported.

Congressman Hay of Virginia was here this morning. He has been campaigning in his State and reports democratic prospects there as most favorable.

An Alexandria mechanic who has recently moved here, says work was scarce enough in his city, but it is scarce here.

Senator Daniel of Virginia is not delighted with his membership of the non-partisan labor commission, and if he had known as much about it before as he does now, he would not have accepted the appointment. The Senator has been campaigning in Virginia and says he thinks both the 9th and 10th Virginia districts will go democratic.

The statement made to the Comptroller of the Currency of the condition of the First National Bank at Lisbon, Ohio, which suspended yesterday shows the following liabilities: Capital, \$50,000; surplus and undivided profits, \$1,972; individual deposits, \$29,161; to bankers and banks, \$12,568; borrowed money, \$80,222; circulation, \$11,250—total \$112,973. The resources are placed at the same figures.

Congressman Hilborn of California, republican, who has not been re-nominated, is here to-day. He says an active political campaign is in progress there, and that he thinks his party will come out ahead.

It is said that Congressman Berry of Kentucky intends to press his resolution for a vote of thanks to Admiral Schley as soon as Congress meets, and that it will probably be occasion for a lively criticism of at least one of the "heroes" of the war.

The President and his party arrived this evening at 2:30 o'clock. The train was today turned over to the usual service of the District of Columbia.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

There are rumors of a crisis in the Peruvian cabinet.

Argentina and Chili have agreed to arbitrate the Atacama boundary dispute.

General Blanco has been asked to remit the 20 per cent. war tax, which has been in force at Havana since the war began.

Archbishop Keane sailed to-day from New York for Rome, where his duties require his presence on the first Sunday of November, at St. John Lateran.

According to the report of the director of the mint, the world's production of gold in 1897 was \$237,504,800, of which the United States produced \$57,363,000.

General Manager William M. Greene, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, is to become vice-president and executive of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway.

As stated yesterday Major Marchand's report of his expedition to Fashoda was received in Paris. It is said that Great Britain will remove Marchand and his men, unless France does so promptly.

General Wood has issued a declaration of rights for the people at Santiago. Temporary restrictions have been put on immigration at Santiago, owing to the large number of indigent negroes arriving there from Jamaica and other islands.

The Pentwater Furniture Company's factory at Pentwater, Mich., was wrecked by the explosion of two or three boilers yesterday evening. The cause of the explosion is as yet unknown. Two men were killed and several others injured.

At Poughkeepsie, N. Y., yesterday the charge of bigamy and abandonment against gunmaker Maxim, by the woman calling herself Helen Maxim, was formally dismissed, with the assent of the plaintiff, who will enter civil suit for damages.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Gordon, the daughter of Major-General W. W. Gordon, of the Porto Rico peace commission, and the Hon. Rowland Leigh, son of Lord Leigh, of England, will take place in Savannah, Ga., October 29 at Christ Church.

The Catholic Young Men's National Union will hold its annual convention next week in Washington, opening with high mass at St. Patrick's Church at 9:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The sessions of the convention will be held at Carroll Institute Hall.

Senor Gamazo, Spanish Minister of Public Instruction and Public Works, has tendered his resignation as a protest against the arrest of the editor of El Nacional. The resignation has been accepted, Senor Sagasta taking Senor Gamazo's portfolio ad interim.

The American and Spanish peace commissioners again discussed the Cuban debt yesterday, but no decision, it is said, was reached. It is believed that Madrid that the United States will agree to take the Cuban debt.

It is said that the United States will agree to the transfer of the Philippines to the United States if the latter will assume a portion of the Cuban debt.

## TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Notice of the voluntary assignment of the Pittsburgh Ornamental Wire Company was filed to-day.

Mr. Richard Croker and ex-Senator David B. Hill had a friendly meeting in New York last night and made plans for the campaigning up the State.

Mrs. Nellie Maillard, a wealthy widow, who lives alone with her maid in an apartment house on West 65th street, New York, was robbed of \$9,000 worth of jewelry this morning at the point of a revolver by a burglar who escaped. Several cases of rare coins in the parlor had been rifled and small objects of art on the walls taken. In all her losses amounted to \$12,000.

The closing of the First National Bank of Lisbon, O., has caused great excitement and there is a feverish unrest in business circles. The shortage of Cashier Childs has not yet been determined, but it is claimed that it is large. Childs was city and township treasurer and handled the funds of the United Presbyterian Church, of which he was a leading member. The public and church funds were deposited in the bank. Childs is supposed to have gone east.

George Vetter, 23 years old, and Louis Lavigne, 16 years old, narrowly escaped being burned to death this morning in the basement of a Ninth avenue, New York, tin shop. They were engaged in melting solder in the cellar when it exploded. Vetter was knocked down, and fire was started. Lavigne ran to his companion's assistance and pulled him away from the flames. Both then attempted to get out of the cellar, by the basement stairs, but the flames had spread and their escape was cut off in that direction. They were almost overcome by smoke when rescued.

The run on the Mechanics and Traders' Bank in New York continued this morning but it was partly offset by a line of depositors, some of whom had withdrawn their accounts only the day before. The bank will experience no trouble. It has been found that the bank had a debit balance of \$201,000. It was satisfactorily shown that the bank was able to meet the withdrawals of all the banks were then completed without further incident.

Because she refused to marry the man whom her guardian desired her to wed, Fritzie Johnson, aged 18, an orphan, residing near Cottontide Ala., ran away from home yesterday. Last night her body was found beside the railroad track with a bullet wound in the head. The girl was seen walking down the railroad track in company with her rejected lover, William Jackson. A sheriff's posse is in pursuit of Jackson, who is suspected of the crime.

Mr. Lilburn T. Myers, chief of the inspection division of the Postoffice Department, has tendered his resignation. Acting Postmaster General Heath has been asked to appoint Mr. James C. Cook, superintendent of the Railway Mail Service at Baltimore, to the vacancy which will be made by the retirement of Mr. Myers.

One man was killed and eight injured by an explosion of boilers on the towboat Rescue two miles above Elizabeth, Pa., on the Monongahela river late last night. The boat was completely wrecked and what remained of it sunk before rescuing parties from other boats reached the scene.

President McKinley and party passed through Harrisburg, Pa., at 10:30 o'clock this morning on their way to Washington. There was no speaking there or at any other point along the route to-day.

DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP CURES A cough or cold in short order. One bottle of this wonderful remedy will effect a cure. It is absolutely the best cough syrup made. Price 25 cts.

## EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

The increased responsibilities of the Episcopal Church, arising through the changed conditions of Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines, was presented to the general convention in Washington yesterday in a report of a special committee appointed to consider the condition of affairs in these outlying islands. As to Hawaii, the joint committee reported that the status was not a simple one, owing to joint action with the Church of England, which had been entered upon by agreement, with the late bishop of California. Without expressing an opinion as to the ultimate church work in Hawaii as part of the United States, they recommended that good faith required conference with the Church of England before entering upon independent work.

Concerning Porto Rico, the committee reported that the existing political, social and religious conditions were such as to warrant immediate action there. There is a church at Ponce under the direction of the Church of England, and the committee was informed by a United States army officer that the church is the American church. "It is reported," the report proceeds, "that the educated classes have broken away from the Church of Rome and are antagonistic to its priesthood."

The committee proposed a resolution that missionary work begin in Porto Rico after conference with the Bishop of Antigua.

The conditions in Cuba, the committee reported, were practically the same as in Porto Rico. Some help already had been given the Cuban people by the Church Missionary Society. In view of the desirability of full information, the committee recommended a joint commission to consider the subject. The committee also pointed out that attention must be given to Cuba not only as a possession of the United States, but as possibly an independent, self-governing country.

Concerning Hayti, Mexico, Brazil and other countries, it was recommended that the increased responsibilities be submitted to a joint commission of three bishops, three clergymen and three laymen.

The report caused some controversy. The California and Oregon deputies desired immediate action as to Hawaii, pointing out that postponement might lead to serious results. It was proposed that a hearing be given to Mr. Osborn, who will be present in behalf of the Hawaiian church. This was tabled, on the statement that such a hearing would open up some personal dissensions existing in the Hawaiian church. The committee recommendations finally were upheld and its several resolutions adopted.

Among the propositions adopted were those establishing a new missionary district in Kyoto, Japan, discontinuing further revision of the hymnal; agreeing to further conference with bishops on the final date of adjournment, and establishing a special committee to report on the question of a standard Bible.

The establishment of the general features of a judicial system for the church came up on the consideration of article IX., of the proposed revision of the constitution. As finally presented, the article provides courts for trying bishops, presbyters and deacons, courts of review, and an ultimate court of appeals to consider questions of doctrine, faith or worship. The main criticism was directed against the clause providing that bishops shall be tried by "bishops only." The clause was retained after much discussion, and a vote.

The House of Bishops agreed on a committee of five bishops—South Dakota, New Mexico, and Arizona, the Platte, Spokane and Duluth—to prepare a code of canons for missionary districts. The election of a bishop for Asheville was put off until to-day, when a bishop for the new district of Kyoto, Japan, probably will be selected.

At the afternoon session the House of Deputies confirmed the action of the bishops in selecting bishops for missionary districts as follows: For Boise, Rev. James B. Funsten; for Sacramento, Rev. Wm. H. Moreland; for North Dakota, Rev. Samuel E. Edsall.

The work of revising the constitution was completed during the afternoon by the adoption of article 9, relating to courts for the trial of ecclesiastical offenses.

The deputies disposed of the question of marriage and divorce for this general convention by adopting a resolution offered by Mr. Francis Lindstedtson, of New York, creating a special committee of thirteen members, to whom is referred the entire subject, with instructions to report prior to the next general convention.

The bishops at their afternoon session agreed to the report and resolution relating to Cuba, Hawaii, Porto Rico and other countries. They disagreed to the action of the deputies discharging the commission revising the hymnal, thus leaving this work to be continued.

Wednesday of next week will, in all probability, mark the close of the triennial convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States, which will then have been in session in the Church of the Epiphany three weeks. Yesterday the House of Bishops communicated a message to the House of Deputies announcing that, owing to the large amount of unfinished business remaining to be disposed of, it would be unable to conclude its sessions on Tuesday morning, as had been previously agreed upon, and accordingly Wednesday was set for final adjournment.

In Jersey City yesterday Signor Perugini was granted a divorce from Lillian Russell, the comic opera singer.

## BUCKLE'S AGENIC SALVE.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetters, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Ernest L. Allen.

## DIED.

At the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Thomas W. Robinson, in this city, on Saturday, October 22d, 1898, Mrs. ANNE M. JOHNSON, aged 67 years. Funeral from her late residence, 607 Cameron street, on Monday, at 3 o'clock p. m. Interment private.

On Thursday, October 20, 1898, at the Home for Incurables, west Washington, D. C., at 11:30 o'clock a. m., LAURA V. TAYLOR, of Bright's disease. Miss Taylor was formerly of London or Fungler county, Va., and had resided in Washington a number of years. She was a sister of Dr. Taylor, and of her will communicate with Thos. W. Clark, 114 south Fayette street, Alexandria, Va., may be of interest to him. [London and Fauquier papers please copy.]

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mrs. Evelyn Sharp, daughter of the late William Willoughby Sharp, died at her residence in Norfolk on Thursday evening.

Rev. J. B. Funsten, of Portsmouth, has not decided whether he will accept the bishopric of the missionary jurisdiction of Boise, Idaho, to which he has been chosen.

The safe in the postoffice at Shenandoah City, in Page county, was blown open some time during Thursday night, and money and stamps to the value of about \$700 taken therefrom.

After discussion, Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans of Richmond last night refused to dissent from the action of the Grand Camp in eliminating that part of Mr. W. L. Royall's history report regarding secession.

Cripple Dick, the colored mail carrier on the route from Warrenton to Washington, Rappahannock county, lost the mail pouch, buggy, horse, etc., in a swollen stream near the latter place last Monday during the heavy rain which fell that day.

The Governor has learned positively from the War Department that the government will not pay the expenses of the Second Virginia regiment to Philadelphia next week, so the soldiers will not go to the peace jubilee. The efforts being made by the officers of the Second to have that regiment retained in the service will, it is thought, prove futile.

Miss Hallie Broadus, daughter of Rev. Julian Broadus, pastor of the Baptist Church at Berryville, met with quite a serious accident on Tuesday. While standing on the edge of a porch her foot slipped and she fell to a stone flagging beneath with so much force as to break a ligament in her ankle, laming her for a long time and causing great pain.

The damage suit of Mrs. Laura B. Dawber against Miss Grace Arents for \$25,000 resulted in Richmond yesterday in a hung jury. The case was continued over. The defendant is a niece of and one of the chief beneficiaries in the will of the late Lewis Ginter, the millionaire member of the American Tobacco Company. The suit grows out of an allegation that the defendant charged that while a housekeeper for Mr. Ginter, Mrs. Dawber took some valuable jewelry. Miss Arents denies having made any such charges. The case has been pending for more than a year.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The annual session of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South came to a close in Lynchburg yesterday evening. Reports were read from the Lynchburg, Petersburg and Charlottesville districts, and brief talks were made by Mrs. Prentiss, of Washington, and Mrs. W. N. Moran, of Lynchburg. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Nowlin, showed the society in an excellent financial condition.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. W. C. Ivey, Lynchburg, president; Mrs. C. H. Hall, Petersburg, vice-president; Mrs. H. C. Chatham, Martinsville, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. D. DeBerry, Disputanta, recording secretary.

The following district officers were elected: Richmond district, Mrs. C. H. Hasker; West Richmond, Mrs. A. L. West; Rappahannock, Mrs. W. L. Robbins; Charlottesville, Mrs. E. P. Watkins; Lynchburg, Mrs. M. F. Martin; Danville, Miss Kate Ley; Farmville, Mrs. H. T. Bacon; Portsmouth, Mrs. Lee Britt; Petersburg, Mrs. Richard Bagby; Norfolk, Mrs. Lee Britt; Washington and Eastern Shore, Mrs. Bettie Roe.

Petersburg was chosen as the next place of meeting.

THE DAY OF ADVERTISING.—One of the New York papers announces that it printed in its last Sunday's edition two hundred and twelve columns of advertising, the greatest number of columns ever printed in one issue of that paper.

This emphasizes the fact that the advertising business is growing all the time. It is growing because it pays. The merchant does not advertise for the love of seeing his name in print, nor does he advertise as an experiment, but he finds that money thus invested brings him back handsome returns. Indeed the live merchant finds that it is impossible in this day of do business without a liberal use of printer's ink.

Advertisements are regarded as part of the news of a paper, and the readers of the daily press look as regularly to the advertising columns as they do to any other columns. They find not only that the store news is interesting, but that it pays them well to pursue it.

And so it has come to pass that advertising is not only profitable to the shop-keeper and to the publisher, but to the reader as well. It is no wonder, therefore, that it is constantly on the increase.

News has been received at Susanville, Cal., from Clairville, in Plumas county, of the burning of a hotel and the loss of five lives. The unfortunate persons perished in their beds.

USE DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP FOR your cough, or cold on chest or lungs. It is truly a wonderful medicine. No other remedy has made so many remarkable cures. Price 25 cts.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS. The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postoffice October 22.

Persons calling for letters will please say they are advertised.

Advertised letters not called for within two weeks will be sent to the dead letter office.

Baker, Willie Bell, Brown, Wm. Jr. Brown, Annie Gorman, Annie Janney, Miss Ada Lee, Bob McKee, C. T. Perry, Tony Rydon, Miss Clyde Tolman, James P. Wilson, Ross

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County. FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, Ohio, and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

F. J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1898. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists. 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News. LONDON, Oct. 22.—The Admiralty has issued orders directing every warship in Portsmouth harbor to have her complement of crew made up from the naval depot, as is done in case of mobilization.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 22.—The Novoe Vremya, commenting on Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's speech, accuses him of making a violent attack upon France, forgetting that Russia is firmly resolved to support France in the Fashoda question.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—A dispatch from Paris says there is no official confirmation of the rumor that Major Marchand has been recalled. The government will not be likely to decide in the matter until Marchand's special messenger arrives.

CHRISTIANA, Oct. 22.—The storm of the last few days has caused great damage to shipping and high weather continues. Many sailing vessels have been lost and a number are more or less overdue. The steamship Thingwall, which was overdue and which, it was feared, had been lost, has just arrived after a rough passage of twenty days from New York.

ROME, Oct. 22.—The Italian government has authorized its ambassadors at Washington to make concessions for certain American products in order to hasten the conclusion of the commercial treaty between Italy and the United States.

MADRID, Oct. 22.—Bishop Valdes, the Bishop-elect of Porto Rico, who is a great patriot, has petitioned the Holy See to be relieved of his office, declining to serve under the American government. Senor Gamazo has publicly declared that his resignation from the cabinet is irrevocable. Premier Sagasta will assume his portfolio and act as minister of public works, ad interim.

VIENNA, Oct. 22.—(By wire to the increased apprehension of the spread of the bubonic plague, a temporary hospital was erected by torchlight last night for the isolation of persons afflicted with the disease.)

PARIS, Oct. 22.—The American peace commissioners held a meeting this morning, and another this afternoon.

England and France. LONDON, Oct. 22.—The relations between England and France have grown exceedingly serious. A letter written last night by one of the leading diplomatists in London says:—"I am sending you this for your own guidance. I have just come from a conference with Lord Salisbury. Nothing but a miracle can save us from war." Even the most radical public leaders have not thought affairs were so serious as this note indicates.

The excitement over the Fashoda affair was shown to-day, when an Irishman smashed a window in front of the office of Punch with his umbrella. In the window was displayed a cartoon, and it was this that excited the Irishman's ire. The cartoon represented Major Marchand as a monkey perched upon a street organ. John Bull, standing by, frowning, tells the French organ grinder to get away. The grinder asks: "What will you give me if I go?" John Bull replies: "I'll give you something if you don't." It is said that many Frenchmen have written to Punch protesting against the cartoon.

The Admiralty has issued a notice to naval officers on leave warning them to hold themselves in readiness for duty.

PARIS, Oct. 22.—The Figaro declares that there is not a single statesman worthy of the name in Europe who believes in the possibility of a conflict between England and France. "When England finds an equivalent for Fashoda," the paper adds, "the trouble will no longer exist."

PARIS, Oct. 22.—The leading newspapers are absorbed with the Fashoda affair. They contain fiery articles, with alarming headlines, which have caused a bitter feeling against England.

Czar's Plan of Disarmament. LONDON, Oct. 22.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily News summarizes in a dispatch to that paper the various reported conversations between Count Muraviev, the Russian foreign minister, and French statesmen. He represents Count Muraviev as declaring, in reference to the Czar's recent statement, that it was useless preaching to the great powers. He added that there was a large vested industrial interest in every State in the manufacture of guns and explosives. Germany and Great Britain had gone too far in that direction and could easily be persuaded to discontinue that industry. Russia had not gone so far. Russia's idea, Count Muraviev is represented as declaring, was to persuade the smaller States to diminish their military equipment. France, Russia, and any other great power adopting the Czar's idea ought to support the minor States that disarmed. Russia could not support such States unless France co-operated with her. Each might protect the weak powers by using diplomatic influence, or force if necessary. The increased prosperity of the disarmed States would demonstrate the soundness of the Czar's idea.

A Dreadful Tragedy. TORONTO, Oct. 22.—Last evening, Eliza Burrell, wife of a well-known mechanic, became demented and strangled her three children, Ethel, aged 5; Stanley, aged 3, and Harry, aged 1 year. When the husband of the unhappy woman returned from work at 6 o'clock his wife met him at the door and started to prepare dinner. He asked her where the children were and she told him they were asleep. He waited some time longer and then said he would go up stairs and see them. His wife endeavored to detain him but he insisted, and on reaching their bedroom found them all lying dead on a bed. The horrified father ran out of the house and brought a doctor, but when the medical man arrived he said the children had been dead some hours.

The Corbett-Sharkey Contest. NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Preparations are fast being made for the 25-round fight between Jim Corbett and Tom Sharkey, which is scheduled to take place at the Lenox Athletic Club on November 22nd. Both the principals are hard at work training. Sharkey's present condition is said to be remarkably good. Corbett's friends say his intention is to put him "in the best possible shape for the fray." He is now in light training at West Baden Springs, Ind. He will return to this city next week to finish his preparatory work at the Lenox Athletic Club. Howie George Dixon is training Sharkey at Bay Ridge.

DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP STOPS that tickling in the throat. This reliable remedy allays at once irritations of the throat, sore throat, hoarseness and other bronchial affections.

## Concerning the Cuban Debt.

PARIS, Oct. 22.—It is reported that the Spanish peace commissioners at the meeting of the joint commission yesterday, submitted proposals respecting the Cuban debt. Unfortunately the proposals are so prolix and involved that the American commissioners are unable to ascertain their purport immediately. Translators are now at work upon them. The proposals are believed to contain the suggestion that the Americans guarantee the Cuban debt exclusively of the debts contracted for war purposes. It is premature, however, to conclude that this is accurate until the cloudy words of the proposals are explained.